

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 20, 22 through 26 continue to be in the case. New claims 30 and 31 are being presented.

Claim 1 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 3.

Claim 2 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 1.

Claim 8 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 14.

Claim 9 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 8.

Claim 10 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 8.

Claim 15 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 18.

Claim 16 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 15.

Claim 20 is being amended by incorporating the language of claim 21.

Claim 3 is being cancelled without prejudice to its reintroduction at a later point in time.

Claim 21 is being cancelled without prejudice to its reintroduction at a later point in time.

New claim 30 is being introduced based on the language of claim 19.

New claim 31 is being introduced based on the language of claim 14.

The Office Action refers to the Specification

1 The specification stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 UR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the nesting organ of claim 3 (lines 5-6), claim 10 (line 5) and claim 21(lines 6-7).

Applicant respectfully disagrees. The last sentence on page 10 of the applicant's specification reads as follows: "The distal part of the tube is for example designed with a non-circular axial opening that forms said nesting organ, so that".

Applicant believes that the recited language of the specification provides a proper antecedent basis for the subject matter of claims 3, 10, and 21.

The Office action refers to Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 8, 12, 13, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 4,344,435 to Aubin.

The present amendment incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 21 into claim 20 and cancels claim 21. Claims 8, 12, 13, and 22 depend now on claims containing allowable subject matter.

The Office Action refers to *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3 Claims 1, 5-7, 15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aubin.

Claim 1 as amended incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 3.

Claim 15 as amended incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 18.

Claims 5 to 7 and 19 now depend on claims containing allowable subject matter.

The Office Action refers to Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-4, 9-11, 14, 16-18 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


5. Claims 23-26 are allowed

The indication of allowable subject matter and of allowable claims is gratefully acknowledged. The present amendment presents claim language, which is intended to render all claims presented fully allowable.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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